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## Famous American Envelopes



**FIRST – STAMP  
JANUARY 29TH**



You will have to order immediately if you want to get in on this beautiful set of stamps with first day covers. The first stamp in the Authors set is to be issued January 29th at Tarrytown, N. Y. This will be the 1c stamp for Washington Irving. You can now send your covers for this stamp to the postmaster at that city. The 2c stamp for James Fenimore Cooper will also be issued on the same date at Cooperstown, N. Y. For other dates watch your stamp paper.

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	AUTHORS	POETS	EDUCATORS	SCIENTISTS	COMPOSERS	ARTISTS	INVENTORS
1c	Irving	Longfellow	Mann	Audubon	Foster	Stuart	Whitney
2c	Cooper	Whittier	Hopkins	Long	Sousa	Whistler	Morse
3c	Emerson	Lowell	Eliot	Burbank	Herbert	St. Gaudens	McCormick
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Thus this year, there will be a single page for the 7 new commemorative singles, and a page for the one new Airmail stamp. This will make two pages of single stamps which we will offer as a unit to be numbered — Unit 1939-S. We will also offer a Unit for blocks, which will consist of two pages for the 7 new Commemoratives in blocks and a page for the new Airmail stamp in block of four. This Unit will be numbered — Unit 1939-B.

In this manner, the total price for all of the new pages will be but 30c whereas if we offered each of them in single Units the price would be 45c, as each page would have to be packed singly in an envelope.

We believe that this method of offering these pages will meet with the approval of our customers since all of you doubtless collect single copies of the stamps and for those who collect the blocks, the extra block Unit may be purchased.

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## A Forecast of Stamps

By KENT B. STILES in the New York Times

**A**S 1940 dawns more than forty countries have made public in part their philatelic programs for the year — and thus it is seen that nearly 300 stamps are definitely in prospect, including about seventy commemoratives, sixty semi-postals, seven postage dues, six officials and one special delivery. Collectors anticipate that at least six or seven times that total will be released, as the world's governmental officials are becoming increasingly "stamp conscious" and do not overlook that charity and other projects are importantly financed through philatelic sales.

In this country collectors' interest centers on Washington. Thus far Uncle Sam's commitments are the thirty-five "Famous Americans" stamps, with releases beginning on Jan. 29 and ending on Oct. 28, and the annual migratory fowl \$1 revenue to appear on July 1 for sale during the 1941 fiscal year.

That there will be, in addition, some commemorative adhesives is confidently expected, and the "possibility" stamps are associated with the following:

(1) May 6 will be the 100th anniversary of the issuing of the first postage stamp, Great Britain's historic "penny black" with head of Queen Victoria. While Britain has, because of the war, abandoned its plan to release commemorative postal paper on this coming May 6, President Roosevelt will decide whether the United States is to issue such a stamp. (2) May 26 will be the 150th anniversary of the formation of the "Territory South of the River Ohio" by an Act of Congress; from the Territory Tennessee was carved, becoming the first State created out of this Federal domain. (3) Wyoming and Idaho were admitted to the Union in 1890. (4) Secretary of State Hull has asked the Postoffice Department for a stamp to recall the founding of the Pan American Union a half century ago; April 14 is Pan American Day, and at least six other American Countries have promised such postal paper. (5) In 1540 the explorer Coronado colonized the Spanish Province of New Mexico, and the department has been asked to remember that postally. (6) The centenary of the Antarctic explorations of Charles Wilkes, American admiral, will be celebrated in 1940, and the sponsors have requested a special stamp.

In foreign lands, announcements already made foreshadow stamps which

include the following:

**Afghanistan** — A "modernized" regular series is a possibility, together with an item to mark the fifth anniversary of American recognition of Afghan independence.

**Algeria** — Four - stamp semi - postal families of mobilized men.

**Belgium** — Annual anti-tuberculosis series of eight about Dec. 1; and on stamps for official use, a "B" within a circle is to supplant the "winged wheel" as the overprint.

**Bulgaria** — A rural post series of nine has been announced, and an air-mail series of eleven was due to appear in January unless released in the final days of 1939; also forecast is another series

honoring the Balkan Entente.

**Canal Zone** — Due on April 15, seventy-fifth anniversary of the birth of the late Colonel Sidney Bacon Williamson, one of the Panama Canal engineers, is a 30-cent bearing his portrait.

**Chile** — One or more items recalling founding of Pan American Union; the long-delayed two-stamp series commemorating the occupation of Pascua (Easter Island) in 1888; and a 10-pesos to complete the regular postage series.

**Colombia** — Ten stamps commemorating centenary of death of Santander, statesman and army general; and a Red Cross postal tax item obligatory on all mail for a limited time.

## Famous American Poets

JOHN GREENLEAF WHITTIER



A descendant of 17th Century immigrants who became Quakers, John Greenleaf Whittier was born at Haverhill, Mass., Dec. 17, 1807, and spent his boyhood on his father's farm nearby. As a youth he showed talent at verse and it was prophetic of his life's efforts that his first poem was published in William Lloyd Garrison's anti-slavery paper in 1826. Whittier's education went only as far as two one-year terms at the local academy, working at the trade of slipper making meanwhile. He taught school for a short period, but the balance of his life was spent in one capacity or other with various publications, as contributor generally, sometimes as editor; too frequently for his popularity these publications being anti-slavery. Whittier's active part in anti-slavery movements which were not universally popular even in New England, resulted in his being practically ostracized

by his family's friends and the persons he would otherwise have mingled with. In Concord, N. H., he was mobbed in 1835 and in 1838 while editor of an anti-slavery paper at Philadelphia, another mob burned the building. Some of his most stirring verse was written during these times. One of the most famous of these is "Ichabod," in which Daniel Webster is castigated for his March 7, 1850, Compromise speech on slavery matters. Whittier never married. He died September 7, 1892, while on a visit at Hampton Falls, N. H. Oddly his fame today does not rest upon the cause for which he worked the greater part of his life; but upon poems not concerned with slavery. His poems in their simple, sincere style, though often rhymed badly were most popular when they dealt with familiar New England life, particularly rural scenes. "Snow-Bound" was published in 1866. Others equally well known and standard class room recitations for generations are "Maud Muller," "The Barefoot Boy," "Barbara Frietchie," and "Skipper Ireson's Ride." Of interest to stamp collectors should be his poem, "Moll Pitcher" which was written in 1832. The almost legendary heroine's fame resulting in the 1928 stamp, was due as much to Whittier as to her services as volunteer artillerist at Monmouth.

## Shipmates Ahoy!

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Costa Rica — Pan American Union series.

Cuba — Pan American Union series; two stamps to commemorate centenary of death of Jose Maria de Heredia, poet; air mail series of seven with portraits of Cubans who perished in a good-will flight in 1937; a 10-centavos with view of Bayamo, and a 10¢ special delivery.

Dominican Republic — Pan American Union series.

Dutch Indies (Netherland Indie) — Annual semi-postal series of five for social charity, in the Fall.

Ecuador — This republic's poets laureate are expected to be honored, and a 5-centavos "postoffice construction" item is anticipated.

Fiji — Five stamps based on redesigning, new colors and new values, and seven postage dues.

Finland — Unless war conditions force Finland to surrender the international Olympic Games and the world ski championships, stamps for both events may be expected; also Finland hopes to issue a stamp to mark centenary of University of Abo.

France — A series for the International Eucharistic Congress at Nice; two Red Cross semi-postals to aid war sufferers; overprinted stamps to meet rate increases.

French Colonies — If France follows precedent, Red Cross semi-postals will be released for each of twenty-four colonies.

Germany — "Winter relief work" series of nine semi-postals in the Fall, and commemoratives honoring Johann Gutenberg, the printer.

Gautemala — A 6-centavos air stamp in Palace of Justice design.

Honduras — Air mail miniature sheet of four honoring Pan American Union.

Iraq — Series with portrait of the infant King Feisal II.

Italy — Three stamps commemorating centenary of Italian railroading.

Japan — Several more values in the series currently being "modernized" will appear, together with two stamps in February to mark 2,600th anniversary of "the birth of Japan."

Luxembourg — Annual "Caritas" (Charity) series of at least six semi-postals in the Fall.

Monaco — Series to commemorate the Nice, France, eucharistic assembly, and fifteen semi-postals to raise money to present ambulances to France.

The Netherlands — Annual summer-time "cultural" series of four or five semi-postals.

New Zealand — Twelve commemoratives will be released Tuesday to usher in the Dominion's celebration of the centenary of British sovereignty, and "health" stamps are expected in the Fall.

Nigeria — A 1-shilling 3-pence to meet advanced air-mail rate.

Norway — Three stamps to commemorate an International Polar Exhibition at Bergen, and a series if the world ski championships are held.

Panama — Series honoring the Pan American Union and series commemorating the Agricultural, Commercial and Industrial Fair at Santiago de Veraguas in February.

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## Over 600 New Subscribers Added in Two Months

For the first two months of our 12th Volume, LINN'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS added over 600 new subscribers. During November and December we received a total of 1044 subscriptions and during that period 401 subscriptions expired, making a net gain in subscribers of 643. That should be pleasant reading to our advertisers as it means more than 600 additional readers of their offerings. It also explains why our readers will see the offerings of many advertisers steadily throughout the year, because they get results in proportion to the growth of our paper. Our thanks to our many readers and advertisers who have boosted the paper and made this steady increase in circulation possible. Subscription blanks and sample copies are yours for the asking, need we add?

## Postage Stamp Money

Reference has been made to the use of small denomination postage stamps as money in China, with the disappearance of copper coins from circulation. The government had no paper currency of denominations as low as 1-cent and 5-cents. The *Asia Stamp Journal* mentions a report that in Shanghai alone as of last August, \$400,000 in postage stamps were estimated to have been in



circulation as money, chiefly among the poorer classes of people. The Chinese Government had planned to have ready in September or thereabouts, new paper currency of 1c and 5c values, which was being printed in Hong Kong. Considerable loss was feared, particularly to those who could least stand a loss, from the fact that a good portion of the stamp currency had become so soiled and mutilated that it would not be accepted at post offices. A discount was already in effect on the stamps, native money changers paying only \$1.00 in paper currency for \$1.20 in stamps. To those whose incomes were already very low, this would be a loss that would cause intense hardship. It is interesting to note that the post offices themselves had to issue stamps for change.

\* Chester, Pa., had a new stamp store commencing with January 2 when Wm. Gibson opened his new store at 1009 Edgemont Ave.

\* Alaska's newest post office is named PELICAN and located 70 miles west of Hoonah.

## Newest Electric Eye Stamps Issued in Error

In error a small quantity of the 3c Jefferson printed from two plates with Electric Eye Convertible markings, was placed on sale at the branch post office in the Post Office Department Building, Washington, D. C., on Dec. 27. A few covers were sent bearing the few stamps in the sheets which have sheet margin with identifiable markings. Chief difference between these and previous arrangements of Electric Eye sheet markings is the addition of a horizontal line on the sheet margins between the two right panes of the printed sheet of 400. It had been intended to have a first day sale of the sheets, same as if a new stamp were being issued, in deference to requests of some collectors who wanted the different new types of plate markings used on "first day." The individual stamps in the sheets are no different from previous 3c Jefferson printings and will not be given catalogue numbers therefore.

## Annual Events Calendar

Canton, O.—Annual of the McKinley Stamp Club at Hotel Belden, Feb. 10-11.

Chicago, Ill.—POLPEX Exhibition by the Polonus Philatelic Society, Jan. 24, 25, 26 at 1234 Milwaukee Ave.

Chicago, Ill.—Centenary of stamp exhibition by A. P. S. Chapter 17 at La Salle Hotel, Jan. 26-27-28.

Cleveland, O.—Annual exhibition, bourse and dinner of the Cleveland Stamp Club at Hotel Hollenden, Jan. 27-28.

Columbus, O.—Annual Exhibition and Bourse of the Columbus Philatelic Club, Chittenden Hotel, Jan. 20-21.

New York City—Annual dinner meeting of the American Stamp Dealers Assn. at Rotley's Restaurant, 6:00 P. M., Jan. 24.

Pottstown, Pa.—7th Annual Exhibition of the Pottstown Stamp Club at the City Hall auditorium, March 27 to 31.

Reading, Pa.—Fifth annual exhibition by the Admiral Byrd Stamp and Coin Club, Historical Society Bldg., March 3 to 10.

Washington, D. C.—Second Annual exhibit of the Woodridge Stamp Club, Feb. 12 to 17 at Woodridge Library. Annual banquet Feb. 21 at Nesline's Restaurant.

## PHILIPPINES — MINT

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#222	8c Violet Brown	1.20
#227	2c Carmine	.42
#290	2c Green	.10
#291	4c Carmine	.04
#292	6c Violet	.12
#293	8c Brown	.09
#294	10c Deep Blue	.09
#296	18c Olive Green	4.50
#297	20c Orange Yellow	.16
#298	26c Blue Green	.30
#299	30c Gray	.21
#290-299	Complete	4.60
#304	10p Deep Green	8.00
#320	4c Carmine & Black	.20
#321	16c Olive Green & Black	.35
#322	18c Light Brown & Black	.40
#324	24c Gray & Black	.40
#350	1p Lilac	6.50
#368a	1p on 4p Deep Blue	1.10
#369a	2p on 4p Indigo	2.00
#383-392	Complete	1.35
#397-401	Complete	.79
#402-404	Complete	.35
#601-606	Complete	.60
#902-34	Minus the 2c	4.75
#905-14	Complete	1.00
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**Auction Calendar**

Jan. 22—**Mail Sale.** H. Wendt, Waverly, Iowa.  
Feb. 2—U. S. Mint Sheet Brokerage Co., 415 Caxton Bldg., Cleveland, Ohio.

**Clippings**

*The Chicago Daily News*, "Rome, Dec. 21 — Inaugurating air mail service between Rome and Rio De Janeiro, a plane of the new Linee Aeree Transcontinental Italiane took off today with 1,500 pounds of mail. Additional mail and cargo will be picked up at the first stop, Seville, Spain."

*The Chicago Tribune*, "Columbus, O., Nov. 5. — Postman Peter F. Ferguson was given a registered letter for delivery at a local church. Getting no response to his knock, he opened the door and walked in after hearing voices down a dark corridor. Following the voices, Ferguson came to a door in the dark, opened it—and fell headlong into the baptismal pool. But he climbed out and delivered the letter—a trifle damp."

*Ibid.*, "Two railway clerks received added reason last night for Christmas rejoicing. Each got a \$1,000 check for heroism in the performance of his duty. They are Guy O'Hern and Earl C. Boothman, who broke up an attempted \$75,000 pay roll robbery last July 31 on an Illinois Central train between Onargo and Del Ray, 80 miles south of Chicago. One of the robbers was shot and captured; another was routed and seized later."

The checks from the companies which had insured the pay roll, were presented in the office of A. A. Imus, chief postal inspector here, in the new postoffice."

*The Chicago Daily Times*, "Rome, Dec. 6 — Italian authorities today announced that air mail service to South America would be continued regularly despite the plane crash in which seven persons were killed Sunday in an inaugural flight. The plane, carrying the first load of air mail from South America, crashed near Mogador, French Morocco."

—Seymour A. Rish.

\* Monaco's forthcoming series of surcharges to make a Semi-Postal series is intended to raise funds to equip French Army ambulances.

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Denom.	Person	Place	Date
1c	Irving	Tarrytown, N. Y.	Jan. 29
2c	Cooper	Cooperstown, N. Y.	Jan. 29
3c	Emerson	Boston, Mass.	Feb. 5
5c	Alcott	Concord, Mass.	Feb. 5
10c	Clemens	Hannibal, Mo.	Feb. 13

**POETS**

1c	Longfellow	Portland, Maine	Feb. 16
	Whittier	Haverhill, Mass.	Feb. 16
	Lowell	Cambridge, Mass.	Feb. 20
	Whitman	Camden, N. J.	Feb. 20
	Riley	Greenfield, Ind.	Feb. 24

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**Editor's Notebook**

**FORTUNATE MISTAKE** One difficulty with stamp collecting is that as we follow some specialty we gradually attach more and more importance to things actually of less and less importance. We believe it was a fortunate mistake therefore, when the Post Office Department in error placed on sale sheets of the 3c Electric Eye Convertible without expected advance notice. Fortunate in that it may cause first day cover collectors to pause and consider that after all the stamps so placed on sale were not new stamps, but simply the same old 3c Jeffersons with slight variation in the sheet markings. So slight indeed that only a few copies out of each 400 are identifiable. First day cover collecting has, (until the Electric Eye markings received considerable more publicity than they really rated) been the collecting of new issues of stamps used on cover and postmarked on the first day of issue. So, would-be complainants should consider whether they are collecting first day covers of new stamps, or first day covers of new plate markings. If the latter, then first day

cover collecting will become as technical as any specialty.

We cannot agree with complaints that the Department violated custom on this or previous occasions by issuing Electric Eye stamps without fanfare. It never was customary to set a "first day of issue" of sheets which differed only in plate markings; so why start at this late date? We don't say that you are not a stamp collector if you do collect first days of new plate markings, but it does seem as if the rest of us are being imposed upon by a few ultra-specialists by having a lot of attention directed to what after all is a very minor change in sheet markings of our stamps.

It would be easy for us to put in print items that would give these extra sheet markings a halo of importance, and no doubt LINPRINT envelope sales would materially increase; but we serve you and ourselves better if we give the opportunity now and then for collectors to come down to earth.

—R. R.

**Perfs and Imperts**

**THAT OFFERING AT AUCTION OF** Dr. Cole's 66 albums which cost him over \$22,000, will make many of us marvel. Most collectors would fold up in a faint if they had that much in folding money to just buy stamps.

**IF THE FINNS DON'T STOP KILLING** all those Russians we fear the Soviet Philatelic Agency will soon run short of help to cancel to order all the latest commemoratives.

**THE CRAZE FOR DOUBLE FEATURES** at the movies has hurt the possibility of collectors and public seeing "Public Hobby No. 1" as many theatre managers are booking a minimum of "shorts" since competition forced them to run double features.

**THE ROOSEVELT PHILATELIC SOCIETY** of Chicago is another club which subscribes to LINN'S for all of its members. Treasurer Richards sent in 19 subscriptions the other day. Here is a service many clubs could add to the features of the club and which many clubs have done for years. The allotting of 25c a year out of dues for subscriptions to LINN'S has paid these clubs good dividends in interested and enthusiastic members.

**FREDERICK H. DIETZ SENDS A** sample sheet of the Famous Americans poster stamps he recently advertised and they are an attractive set, perforated and featuring half-tone portraits of the famous.

**FOR LISTING NEW ISSUES OF** Germany, editors of British stamp papers are being accused by indignant readers of practicing what amounts to treason! The indignant folk are however in the minority.

**CATALOGUE NUMBERS**

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## The Forum

December 26, 1939.

To The Editor:

Your comment on the Lundy "labels" in your editorial column of December 23rd interests me as it has been my experience that the more the Lundy stamps are damned, the more general interest is taken in these issues.

For 27 years I have served and loved philately as a man sincerely interested in the betterment of the hobby. Until a few years ago I had a collection of 20th Century United States that even you could be proud of, and, although I specialize in the "Locals" of Lundy Island, I always have been, and, always shall be, a General Collector. In addition to "just collecting" I have always been a serious student of philately, and, I frankly feel that no open-minded, fair philatelist could read my monograph: "Lundy Island and the Lundy Locals," without the realization that my research was sincere, honest and thorough. The fact that outstanding students in the field of philately have accepted it as a WORTHWHILE contribution to philatelic literature, convinces me that my efforts have not been in vain and that "bright paragraphs" like yours of December 23rd should be ignored—but I

the development of Lundy collections, I feel it only right and just that you should give publication to this letter in your publication. If you are the genuine philatelist and impartial philatelic editor I believe you to be, I know you will do so.

Best wishes for a very Happy New Year and if you ever come this way I hope you will be a guest in my home and take the time to inspect my Lundy "Locals" collection and see for yourself that same is a worthy contribution to philatelic research.

Sincerely,  
John D. Stannard.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Readers interested in our opinions can ascertain them by referring to our editorial in the Oct. 8, 1938 LINN'S; as the opinions are not changed. The Sun's definition of Locals is rather broad and takes in more territory than stamps generally listed and collected under that classification. Philately's ACCEPTED Locals are those issued by some governmental authority for local usage; or by some private individual or firm for carrying mails locally—but doesn't necessarily include labels affixed to letters on a private estate.



cannot do this, in justice to the large group of collectors who, like myself, are building specialized collections of Lundy.

Several times you have seen fit to criticize the Lundy "Locals" in LINN'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS, and, this is certainly your right as an individual, and, as a free American. However, you will grant me that there are two sides to every question. To date you have not presented "the other side" in regard to the Lundy "Locals." May I ask why? The fact that such responsible publications as SCOTT'S MONTHLY JOURNAL, STAMPS, WEEKLY PHILATELIC GOSSIP, ME. KEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS, WESTERN STAMP COLLECTOR, etc., have published articles by me on the subject seems ample indication that Lundy "Locals" are more than "labels." In all my articles I have stated, not once but several times, that the Lundy stamps are "Locals," and, as I am convinced that the majority of collectors are not morons, I feel certain no one considers these stamps other than "LOCALS," which they are in every sense of the word.

The New York Sun's publication "The Stamp Collectors' Guide and Glossary," page 36, informs:

"LOCALS: Stamps issued under private or official auspices but having their franking power limited to a specified district."

The above is a perfect description of the Lundy "Locals" as they are issued under PRIVATE auspices and their franking power is limited to the Island of Lundy and the waters surrounding same. A letter franked with only British postage will not travel ONE FOOT on Lundy! Likewise a letter franked with Lundy "Locals" ALONE will not travel one foot on British soil. What is more I have OFFICIAL PROOF in my possession that completely justifies Mr. Martin Cole Harman, owner of Lundy, in having his own postal system! I invite any sincere collector or group of collectors to inspect this PROOF, and, as is proof from a non-philatelic OFFICIAL source, it is beyond question.

In complete fairness to your readers and those collectors who are as serious as I am in

Statistics on Lundy: An island of 1,043 acres located 12 miles off the southwestern coast of England's mainland; private property of a Mr. Harman who was hailed into court some years ago for issuing coins and paying his help their wages with these curiosities; total population at last census some 45 persons, (all employees of Harman) and some thousands of rabbits; in 1929 Harman began charging his employees a fee ranging from  $\frac{1}{2}$ d up for handling their mail: sums were collected by labels with denominations in "puffinage," the non-existent coinage to which the court objected; no mail is delivered, employees picking it up at the store; mail is carried with other supplies by the owner's boat to the mainland; puffinage is supposed to be equal in value to pence, but the "coins" are sold at many times that amount; British post office refuses letters with the puffin labels on face; island had a British post office once but continual disputes with Harman ended in its being discontinued. In view of the above facts it seems that our contemporaries might more properly answer the question why THEY printed Lundy articles. For the information of worried readers knowing how many islands in the U. S. are privately owned, they can be reassured with the fact that the use of labels in similitude of postage stamps on front or back of U. S. mail is forbidden.

On Feb. 1 the Kentucky post office of Taylor changes its name to South Shore.

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657 Sullivan	.16		.04	.02	718 3c Olympic	.30	.48	.07 .01
680 Wayne	.25		.06	.05	719 5c Olympic	.30	.50	.08 .02
681 Ohio Canal	.16	.35(6)	.04	.04	724 Penn	.16		.05 .02
682 Mass. Bay	.12		.04	.02	725 Webster	.20	.42(6)	.05 .02
683 Charleston	.28	.57(6)	.07		726 Oslerthorpe	.16		.05 .02
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## A New Discovery in Express Franks



Illustrated is a cover recently turned up bearing an Express Frank of which no others apparently have ever been reported. The frank in upper left corner consists of the word "PAID" printed in large orange letters and over this in blue "TOM POPE'S SALMON RIVER EXPRESS" and the envelope is the 3c government stamped envelope of 1864-65 issue. Under the printed frank is written in pen, supposedly by the express agent, the date "Oct. 20, 1870" and the stamp is cancelled by pen marks. The letter inside (which was addressed to Schuyler Falls, N. Y.) was written by the part owner of two hydraulic mines, mentioning that they had just dug a ditch 1½ miles long to bring up water. The writer mentions that the Northern Pacific R. R. was to be constructed and would pass "a few miles" to the north. He wrote "there are but a few Indians here peaceable but a great nuisance. I hope U. S. will do

something for them." The letter is dated "Salmon City, Oct. 14" and at that time there was a postoffice at the Lemhi County Seat of that name in Idaho Territory, and apparently this is the present county seat named "Salmon." The Salmon River flows westerly across the present state, joining the Snake River at the Oregon state line.

The only other Salmon River express markings noted in our files are the franks used by "Tracy & Co. Oregon Express" which had on some envelopes the additional printed frank reading "SALMON RIVER EXPRESS PAID—ONE DOLLAR." The route of travel was through Oregon to the mines in Idaho and began by various companies in the early 1860s. The Pope express frank is a comparatively late usage of such a marking, which indicates how inaccessible the region was. Can anyone supply additional data on this marking?

## Pottstown (Pa.) Exhibition

The seventh annual exhibition of the Pottstown Stamp Club will be held in the Pottstown, Pa., City Hall Auditorium, March 27 to 31. Entries close March 18. Collectors interested in entering may obtain the necessary information from the Chairman, Harold W. Rohrbach, 262 N. York St., Pottstown.

## Another Movie Boner

The heroine in the movie, "The Great Victor Herbert," commits another of the boners for which movies are famous on philatelic matters. She is shown mailing a letter in New York City during the period of about 1899 or 1900 but instead of the 2c stamp in use at that time, the letter is franked with a 2c of the design of 1923! Hyman Nadan of Brooklyn noticed this error.

## South Africans Overprinted "Douane"

Adam Gruenig inquired of a South African postmaster the meaning of the word "DOUANE" overprinted on a 1d stamp of the 1926 design, in a style similar to that illustrated. The postmaster

### DOUANE.

stated in reply there is a customs duty on advertising matter coming into the country sent by overseas firms without agents in the Union. These firms sometimes prepay the customs duty and the post office keeps up accounts by means of these overprinted stamps which are affixed to covers containing the advertising matter, in addition to the usual postage.

• Tip to speculators: Buy air mail stamps; they always go up.

## Washington Club Exhibits

The Woodridge Stamp Club is planning its second annual exhibition for Feb. 12 to 17 at the Woodridge Library, 2206 Rhode Island Ave., Washington, D. C. The club's annual banquet will be Feb. 21 at Nesline's Restaurant. Meetings are held on second and fourth Mondays at the Library.

## German Mail IS Censored

Whether or not German mail is censored has been disputed, but the fact that it is censored is now definitely established thanks to several readers. Arthur L. Jacoby of Chicago, Frank Schmieg, Bloomingdale, Mich., and William F. Christy, Trimountain, Mich., each submits a cover mailed from Germany on December 14, which had been opened and then sealed with a strip of white paper on which is printed the word "Gepruft" (Examined) and a seal in a circle containing the words "Oberfommando der Wehrmacht (High Command of the Armed Forces)" around the emblem of the Reich. Though all the covers were mailed the same date by some odd coincidence, each was from a different town.

Theodore V. Grau, Philadelphia, writes that he has received a cover which bore the "Geoffnet" labels referred to in our Dec. 30 number as Customs Examination labels and in addition a red wax seal bearing the emblem of the Reich and below an inscription partly decipherable as "Zollamtlich abgefertigt" and the balance appears to be "Geschmizung der St. f. logver." Who can supply more data on this?

Roy E. Vogel, San Diego, reports a cover sealed with the "Geoffnet" label which had been thoroughly examined. The brown tissue paper which lined the envelope had been removed and parts of the letter enclosed also had been removed, the latter half being almost entirely gone.

Mr. Schmieg submits a postal card from the former Czechoslovakia, the stamps on which do not appear to have been tampered with, and bearing a small purple Prague censor mark with inscription "D. K.—Praha—4."

Apparently not all mail is opened as other letters with contents which would be thought objectionable have passed through the mails with no deletions or appearance of having been examined. It should be noted that the theory of censorship is that examination of every letter is not necessary, as the threat of letters possibly being examined coupled with heavy penalties for persons caught, keeps most persons from trying to send messages they shouldn't.

• The first stamp of Palestine, the 1 piastre deep (or cobalt) blue, was issued only without gum. In one printing, the fourth stamp in the second row of six had "MILLIEMES" spelled "MILLILMES."

# The Postage Stamp Parade

A Record of New Issues and New Discoveries.  
By RAY SHEPARD—1529 Duxberry Ave.—COLUMBUS, OHIO



**ARGENTINE REPUBLIC** — "FONOPOSTAL" Series. Issued December 11, 1939. 60,000 sets only of three values. Two lower values are upright rectangular format, while the other is horizontal. Perf. 13½. These stamps are used to pay the cost of transporting transcripts, which are sometimes sent in lieu of a letter:

118 pesos, slate (Dove and Disc)  
132 pesos, bright ultramarine (Head of Liberty)  
150 pesos, sepia (Winged Disc)

(H. G. Spanton)

**LUXEMBURG** — Provisional. Under-noted stamp surcharged with a new value, unwmkd., perf. 12:

18 — 30c. on 60c. blue green

(Scotts Monthly Journal)

The Arms type of 1859 has been resurrected in the form of a new 35 centimos denomination. Incorporated in the new design are, however, the dates "1839-1839" and the motto "Mir woelle bleiwe wat mir sin." (We wish to stay as we are.)

(Stamp Collecting)

**MEXICO** — National Census Commemoratives. We have seen only the 2c. of the postage set and the 20c. of the airmail set and assume therefore that the other values of each set are of the same format as the ones we have at hand. The postage value is upright, narrow rectangular and the airmail stamp is a large square format:

#### Postage

- 2c. red (Allegory of Building)
- 5c. deep green (Allegory of Agriculture)
- 10c. red-brown (Allegory of Commerce)

#### Air Post Stamps

- 20c. blue (Allegory of Transportation)
- 40c. orange (Allegory of Industry)
- 61c. violet (Allegory of the Seventh Census)

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**NEJD—Official Stamps.** Under-noted stamps overprinted "Service de l'Etat";

2g. lilac-rose

3g. ultramarine

**Postage Due Stamp.** Same as current design. D8—1½g. brown-red  
D8—2g. lilac

(Stamp Collecting)

**NEW ZEALAND** — Postal Fiscal Stamps. Type of 1931-35, typographed. Wmkd., single-lined N. Z. and Star close together. Perf. 14:

- Pf5—30 shilling, dark brown
- " 2 pound, violet
- " 2 " 10 shilling, dark red
- " 3 " light green
- " 4 " light blue
- " 5 " dark blue

(A. L. Bower)

**SALVADOR** — Centenary of the Battle of San Pedro Perulapan Commemoratives. Under-noted stamps overprinted "BATALLA SAN PEDRO PERULAPAN" and new value in red:

- 8c. on 50c. indigo (Pres. Arango)
- 10c. on 1Col. black (Balsam tree)
- 50c. on 1Col. green & violet (Arms)

(Gibbons' Monthly Supplement)

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63- 74 (9) 1.00 59- 80 (24) 36.00

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# PRECANCEL STAMP NEWS

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## HOCUS POCUS

Toledo 1½c Presidential buros are out. So are the 1c Amsterdam coils—A small lot from the paper mill turned up a 1½c Baltimore, Md., Presidential buro, NO DATING. How come? A piece with a 6c and 8c Pres. from Framingham, Mass., in U-15, the 6c is without DATING but the 8c is dated, its an invert too. Three more 6c items without DATING. Elmira, N. Y., U-1, Portsmouth, Va., U-121, Auburn, Ind., U-120. Does the ruling read over the six cent denomination, or starting with the six cent value, in regards to the dating process. Anyway it seems that more and more they are getting away from it as here are a couple copies of the 20c Southington, Conn., in U-121 and no dating. On the other hand we have a 5c Woolrich, Pa., U-120 that is dated. Playing safe, I guess.

Here are a couple more nice ones. ½c Mount Dora, Davenport and Lake Como, Fla. All in U-121, the last two narrows. Cheyenne Wells, Colo., ½ and 1c U-121; 1c Bedford, Ore., U-120; 5c Owensboro, Ky., U-15 and 12c Bloomfield, N. J., U-10 — The Precancel Stamp Society Year Book at hand, a feature that is worth the price of a year's membership alone. Don't write in trying to get a

copy as only members can possess these. If you are a precancel collector and want to join a live society write me for an application blank, you will get one fired back at you quick. Then you can get a year book and do some high powered trading, etc.—There is a year book that you can get, though. Alvin Gerstenberger, Secy. of the Precancelled Envelope Collectors Club, tells me their year book will be ready Jan. 15 and is free for the asking. Write Mr. Gerstenberger, 2728 W. Melvina, Milwaukee, Wis.

Here are some firm names translated from the DATEDS. TAC. from Des Moines, "The Armand Co.;" GHS, New York City, "G. Hirsch Sons;" MEC, Boston, "McKenzie Engraving Co.;" NHC, New Haven, "New Haven Clock Co.;" HLJ, Wallingford, Conn., "H. L. Judd Co.;" FMU, New York City, "Fair Maid Undergarment;" SPC, Akron, O., "Saalfeld Publishing Co.;" AHC, Passaic, N. J., "The Achison Hardware Co.;" EHF, Lockport, N. Y., "E. H. Ferru Co.". The above list courtesy of Jas. C. Coyne, Newark, O.—Are you one of the collectors that spends dollars for penny precancels, which stand a good chance of always being worth a penny, or do you buy some good items now and then?—We thought you did.

## Foreign Postal Rates of 75 Years Ago

An old Columbus newspaper recently inspected contained a list of postal rates to foreign countries in effect as of July 1, 1865. Where now almost any point on the globe can be reached by a letter franked with no more than 5c in postage, minimum rates 75 years ago were many times that sum and often then for letters one-half or even one-quarter the present one-ounce rate. It will be noted that the rates of 75 years ago for letters carried by the slow, infrequent and irregular transport then in use were as much if not more than present day airmail rates to those same countries. At that time mails to much of the United States alone took more time in transit than a letter now takes to go to any point on the globe. A curious feature of the early postal rates was that the routing made a great difference (frequently 50%) in the amount of postage and that mails carried by American ships had to have more postage than those sent by British packets. Apparently the British ships were more heavily subsidized. To some countries the rate was for letters weighing not over ¼ ounce; to others the minimum rate was for letters not over ½ ounce.

To Argentine via England	5/4 oz. 5/4 oz.	\$ .45
Argentine via France	.30	.60

Ascension, Buenos Aires, Uruguay, Haiti and Van Diemen's Land (Tasmania) if via England		
Aspinwall (Panama)		
Austria (via Prussia 28c)		.29
Azores		.21
Belgium via France		.45
Belgium via British packet		.10
Belgium via American packet		.30
Serbia via American packet		.32
Serbia via British packet		.42
British American provinces, not over 3,000 miles		.27
British American provinces, over 3,000 miles		.21
(Above except Canada and New Brunswick) to which the rate was uniformly 10c.		.21
Cape of Good Hope (via Marseilles 53c), via Southampton		.21
Chile, Ecuador, Mexican east coast, Nicaragua Gulf Coast, if via Panama		.05
Mexico except east coast, Nicaragua Pacific Coast, Costa Rica, Cuba		.10
Curacao		.15
France, Netherlands, Spain or Gibraltar, if via France 42c, via Am. Packet 24c, via Br.		.45
Liberia		.34
Roumania (42c if not prepaid)		.45
Russia, via Prussia 37c; via Bremen 29c and via France		.40
Hawaiian Islands, could prepay only to San Francisco, balance collected by agent		.60
Danish West Indies if via American Packet to Jamaica 18c, via Havana		.05
Turkey, via Prussia 28c, via Bremen 32c, by American Packet to London 5c, via France and Austria		.33
Uruguay via France 60c (3/4 oz. 30c) via England		.40

## Reading Exhibition

The Admiral Byrd Stamp and Coin Club of Reading, Pa., will hold the fifth of its annual exhibitions March 3 to 10 in the hall of the Berks County Historical Society Building. Entry blanks or the souvenir label (5c plus postage) may be obtained of Charles A. Seifert, 1352 Buttonwood St., Reading, Pa. This club meets each Tuesday evening at the Y. M. C. A. Visitors will be asked to vote on the frames and the exhibit receiving most votes will win a silver plaque donated by Woodrow Maloney, local dealer.

## Canadian Censor Mark

Adam Gruenig of Ceres, Calif., submits a Canadian cover postmarked Oct. 21, at Strasbourg Station, Sask., with a single line rubberstamp at top "PASSED FOR EXPORT" and penned initials of censor below.

• Honduras souvenir sheet commemorating the Pan-American Union will show at top the massed flags of the 21 American republics. George Washington will appear on one stamp, while the U. S. flag shares honors with the Honduran flag on all four stamps.

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"Can you tell me where I would be able to secure a list of Catholic Stamp Missions that sell mixtures by the pound?" Sorry, but we do not have any such information. Such mixtures are usually sold direct to dealers as the quantities are too large for the individual collector.

"How much of the sheet margin on each side should be retained?" This question is asked by a reader collecting all four positions of plate number singles of the rotary press U. S. stamps. The general practice is not to remove any of the sheet margin, as otherwise the stamp would appear in a condition not normal. However some collectors do trim the number side down somewhat, but there is no necessity for doing so.

"How can the average collector ascertain, somewhat in advance, when a new foreign issue is to be made? Can this information be obtained from the Philatelic Agency at Washington?" The Agency does not act as an information source; neither does any other governmental agency, though a monthly "Foreign Communication News," published by the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce of the Dept. of Commerce does contain one or two pages of philatelic news gathered by foreign commercial attaches. Copies are 10c, per year \$1, but seldom can this source either be in time for you to obtain first day covers. In general, U. S. collectors can not learn of the appearance of a new issue in time to obtain first day covers as most foreign issues are issued on shorter notice than here, since first day cover collecting has comparatively few followers in most foreign countries. The only thing to do, is contact dealers or gradually build up correspondents who can do this for you.

"Do all or any foreign governments maintain an agency for the convenience of philatelist?" Very few, and those few have restrictions of some sort or other. Some countries (all British Crown Colonies) refuse mail orders for stamps. These places sell stamps in a manner similar to the U. S. Agency: Philippines, Canada, Guatemala, Canal Zone, New Zealand, China, Peru (full sets only), Paraguay, and Japan. Other countries or possessions sell stamps by mail, but seldom is condition selected, and the general unsatisfactory results of such sales with collectors does not recommend it to most collectors. Even fewer places will service covers, New Zealand and Canada being almost the only ones.

"I have a block of 3c NRA stamps in which one stamp has the numeral of value outlined from top to the middle, while the rest of the number is solid

color as it should be and I am wondering if there are any more flaws like this and if they are valuable?" This is an example of "white spots," a common feature of U. S. stamps, particularly the rotary press stamps. It is caused by incomplete inking of the plate. In engraving only the recesses are inked, and consequently any recess not inked will appear WHITE on the stamp. The white spot varieties are not worth any more than other stamps.

The explanation about the 1c Franklin perforated 11 in the Dec. 23 issue contained an error which should have been obvious. In the last paragraph it was stated "The manner of production of No. 595 is not yet definite." Unconsciously we gave the rarer of the two 1c Franklin rotaries perf. 11 a catalogue number, though it as yet has not been assigned one. 595 is of course the 2c companion stamp of 594 and is not nearly so scarce and was manufactured in exactly the same manner as 594. The sentence therefore should have read "The manner of production of the rarer 1c . . ."

Submitted recently was a 3c rotary press No. 720 (3c 1932 Washington regular issue) with straight edge on left side, with request for explanation as the sender was under impression all rotary press stamps had no straight edges. This stamp is from a booklet pane, which explains the straight edge. Straight edges are also found on some sheets as in cutting the large printed sheets of 400 into post

office sheets of 100, the cutting device is not set correctly and cuts close to edges of the panes, resulting in sheets having stamps on one side with straight edge. Bottom corner stamps from booklet panes, it might be noted always have two straight edges, and we have warned readers before how abnormal copies could be clipped to imitate imperforates.

"Why are there different letters in the corners of old British stamps?" This was a scheme intended to aid in catching counterfeiters. Every stamp in the sheet had a different combination of letters and it was thought counterfeiters might make only a single die and the appearance of the same combination frequently would be noticed. The letters started with A and ran through the alphabet to L, each row starting with a different letter both horizontally and vertically, resulting in all 240 stamps in each sheet having different combinations, ranging from "AA" to "LL".

"How much margin to leave on an envelope stamp cut square?" It is customary for these to be cut with margins at left and bottom equal to the margin at top and right of stamp which extends to edge of envelope. However, many of the early issues had some of the margin cut narrower and so prices on these are not for full margins extending to edge of envelope.

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## Collecting Surcharges and Overprints

By EDWIN BROOKS

For the stamp enthusiast who desires to be different we suggest that collecting of both Surcharges and Overprints be pursued. Especially is it interesting to the person who has a knowledge of printing or similar vocations. Men have discussed overprinted stamps as well as surcharges ever since they were first applied. Most of us seem to suppress a yawn when talking of such things, yet overprints and surcharges can be made an interesting subject, providing one knows whereof he speaks. Thus the collector who has a smattering of printing or knows the differences in type faces with which the various 'styles' are depicted on surcharges and overprints, will enjoy such a unique and different collection.

An almost infinite number of type faces are represented on the surcharged and overprinted stamps of the world; a great many varieties of size; numerous individual idiosyncrasies of use. Here is a field for an almost unlimited amount of research. Dry and uninteresting? Not at all. To a layman, the term "the art of typography" contains little meaning. But anyone who is drawn into investigation of the history of printing and into the study of the evolution of printing type, finds it replete with fascination and human interest.

All the above may still be undecipherable to some readers of this column, but to those who desire the unusual in collecting and go out of their way to learn something of type faces will soon be drawn into this magic circle. Realization will soon come to one that his field of research is enchanting.

• The Canal Zone Bureau of Posts once referred to an item on its list of stamps available as "home-made." This was a provisional lot of booklets made from ordinary sheets of the 3c stamp. The official description read "Stamp Books—37c (12-3c stamps) provisional, home-made."

• The ships shown in action on the 3 annas and 10 rupee values of Aden's 1939 commemoratives are the "Volage" and "Cruizer" which under command of Captain Sir Frederick Haine bombarded and captured the peninsula on Jan. 17, 1839, the stamps being issued on the centenary anniversary.

## Postage Meters

By ALTHEA HARVEY  
Meter Slogan Associates No. 37

Have you ever thought of collecting postage meters and slogans? Every year more and more mail carries a printed meter stamp instead of the ordinary postage stamp. In fact, 12% of the nation's mail passes through a postage meter device. Foreign countries are following our example, and one firm makes devices that print postage, postmarks and advertising slogans in more than fifty different languages. There are many advantages to both the concern using a meter device and to the Post Office Department.

Perhaps the chief one is time saving, and that alone makes for efficiency. A space is provided at the left of the meter stamp for a neat slogan or trade mark, and many firms avail themselves of this opportunity for a little free advertising. Alert publicity directors of department stores change their advertising slogans every month to advise their customers of the advantages of shopping at their stores, timely sales or the necessity for fur storage.

Utility companies appreciate the use of a slogan, and you find many reasons why you should telephone. At present, less than 10% of the meter clientele use a meter "ad" or slogan; so they are not as common as the plain meters.

Many of you have enjoyed stamp collecting, until you struck obstacles to a complete collection. Some have become interested in precancels, only to find they are not as generally used as formerly, because meter stamps are taking their place.

You wonder casually if there is pleasure to be derived from collecting postage meters. A search in the office waste paper baskets for a stray used commemorative is fruitless; not one has been thrown away, but, here are some metered envelopes and a few slogans that apparently no one wanted. You are definitely interested.

Stamp collecting is an old, well established hobby, but meter stamp collecting is a new philatelic sideline with plenty of promise for the future. It is an economical hobby when compared with its predecessor, and there are new slogans coming out every day in the week to assure an endless variety.

You notice all meters are not alike, and you realize there are several types. This appeals particularly to the philatelist who enjoys perforations and watermarks. There is a book by an eminent United States authority on meters which illustrates and explains the various types to help you get the fundamentals of your new hobby. Already there is a group of 100 meter collectors in United States, and they are very enthusiastic and happy to help other members to increase their collections. The secretary, Mr. Walter Swan of Stony Creek, New York, will be glad to answer any questions about membership.

I hope in future articles to tell you more about this fine hobby.

# BROADWAY CHATTER

B Y B I S T A N D E R

A few weeks ago I announced, or rather predicted, that the two issues from the Philippines, and the Newfoundland Royal Visit set surcharged would be popular items. These words seem rather mild after viewing what's been going on here in New York with reference to these stamps. Sales of the Philippine issues have reached an all high mark. Supplies in quantity are practically nonexistent, and additional supplies have been called for.

The sales reported of the Newfoundland provisionals are convincing that philately is still one of the most active hobbies. Supplies, or whatever is left of them, can't come into New York fast enough. The demand is greater than the supply, and you can guess the rest. There is constant "dog-fighting" for these stamps whenever a shipment arrives. The error which appears once in each sheet spelling the word "cent!" instead of "cents" is also a very popular item and it is now stated that not one single error is left in dealers' stocks here, as the demand for this error has been brisk.

Elliot Walton, prominent New York wholesaler, has just released his new 1940 wholesale price list. The cover to this book is a compliment to modern art. Mr. Walton's chief assistant has just announced his engagement. Congratulations, Barney!

An interesting story heard about town these days, is the yarn about a certain New York dealer who advised his regular customers to buy the Paraguay New York World's Fair set from a competitor because he was selling the set below the present wholesale market. The idea was fine, except that this competitor didn't receive the quantity of stamps he had ordered and found himself in a bad spot. He then, in order to save his reputation, tried filling some of the orders at a loss, but this didn't help much. He then simply returned all the unfilled orders with a sorry explanation. The first dealer then simply illustrated the devastating effect of limited issues, and what happens when advance orders are taken these days, without sufficient coverage.

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The annual dinner meeting of the American Stamp Dealers' Association, Inc., was to be held Jan. 24 at 6:30 P. M. at Rotley's Restaurant, 1440 Broadway, New York City. The election was to be held at this time.

## Price Lists Received

Stamp Album & Accessory Catalogue of G. F. Rapkin, 151 Goswell Rd., London, England. This 48 page new edition of the world-famous Rapkin firm comes under the slogan "Business as Usual." Copies may be obtained by dealers or collectors upon request.

Wholesale Price List No. 19 of Billing's Stamp Co., 151-14—85th Ave., Jamaica, N. Y. Features offerings principally of foreign singles and sets.

1938-39 Wholesale Catalogue of M. Meghrig & Sons, Inc., 116 Nassau St., New York City. Lists singles, sets, packets, albums and accessories. For dealers only. A 74 page list.

Price List of U. S. and Possessions, Spencer Anderson, 65 Nassau St., New York City. A 70 page pocket list.

## Philatelic Truck Heads South

Heading southward for the winter months, the January and February itinerary of the Philatelic Truck will include stops in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida. In announcing the schedules for January and February, these towns and cities were listed for the following dates:

Jan. 22, Clemson, N. C.; Anderson, S. C., Jan. 23; Newberry, S. C., Jan. 25; Columbia, S. C., Jan. 26-27; Augusta, Ga., Jan. 29-30; Savannah, Ga., Feb. 1-2; Brunswick, Ga., Feb. 3 and 5; Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 7-8-9-10; St. Augustine, Fla., Feb. 12-13; Palatka, Fla., Feb. 14; Daytona Beach, Feb. 16-17; De Land, Feb. 19; Orlando, Feb. 20-21; Kissimmee, Feb. 23; Melbourne, Feb. 24; Vero Beach, Feb. 26; Fort Pierce, Feb. 27; and West Palm Beach, Feb. 28-29.

Practically all stops are to be from 9 A. M. until 5 P. M., a few of shorter duration. Collectors may obtain details of the postmasters of those cities regarding place and time.

• Norman L. Wicks, 1617 E. 10th St., Tucson, Ariz., believes the 78th anniversary of his state's lone Civil War battle (Picacho Pass) should be celebrated with a cachet, so he will mail covers sent him ready to go no later than Feb. 10, if accompanied by 1c forwarding fee.

• Gimbel Brothers New York stamp department announced that regular Saturday afternoon sessions of the Gimbel's Stamp Club resumed on Jan. 13. At each meeting which starts at 4:15 P. M., there is a Quiz Contest with \$25 in prizes. Admission is free.

## First Afghan Air Mails

Afghanistan has just issued its first air mail series, comprising the denominations of 5, 10 and 20 afghanis, all of the same design, which pictures a plane above the capital, Kabul. Airmail service has been projected for this country for a long time at first a German company attempting to establish it, and then an Italian line. These services were to operate through countries to the west of Afghanistan, rather than to connect with Indian services.

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